

In the Name of God Amen

I Edward Lovelock of Newbury in the County of Berks Mercer being infirm in body but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding as ever was (praised be God for the same) well knowing the uncertainty of this Life and being desirous to dispose of and settle my Worldly Affairs do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner following (that is to say) Principally I commend my soul to Almighty God my Creator on whose infinite mercy I humbly rely for pardon of all my sins through the alone Merits of his Son my blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ and my body I commit to the earth to be therein decently buried at the discretion of my Executrix hereinafter named and as to the Worldly Estates wherewith it hath pleased God in his mercy to endowe me I give and dispose thereof as followeth Impris I will that all my just debts and funeral expences be first paid and discharged Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Brother's Thomas and Bartholomew Lovelock Eighty pounds apiece Item I give and Bequeath unto Thomas, Mary Wife of Richard Compton and Catharine Wife of James Knight Children of my said Brother Thomas Twenty pounds apiece Item I give and bequeath to Thomas Constance Mary and Anne Wife of Matthew Barnes Children of my said Brother Bartholomew Twenty pounds Apiece Item I give and bequeath to Noah Thomas Gabriel and Hannah Wife of John Markin and Catherine Children of my Brother John Lovelock deceased Twenty pounds apiece Item I give and bequeath unto Mary Widow of my Brother William Lovelock Twenty pounds to be paid into the Hands of my Trustees hereinafter named for her use and to William John Mary and Elizabeth their Children Twenty pounds apiece Item I give and

Bequeath to my loving sister Catharine Wife of William Kimber Eighty pounds to be paid into the Hands of my Trustees for her proper use and disposal hereby excluding her said

husband William all power for recovering the same Item I give and bequeath to Thomas John Catharine Wife of William Burton Jane wife of Thomas Barnes Elizabeth Wife of Joseph Franklyn Mary and Martha Children of the said William Kimber Twenty pounds apiece Item I give and bequeath to John Rogers Son of my Nephew John Rogers Ten pounds to be paid into the Hands of my Trustees and to be by them disposed of for his benefit as they shall think fit Item I give and bequeath to my loving Brother Nathaniel Lovelock five Guineas to buy him Mourning and to my sister Mary Wife of Thomas Elgar Eighty pounds all and every which said Legacys above mentioned shall be paid by my Executrix hereinafter named within

Eighteen Months after my decease Item I give all my wearing apparell to my Brothers Thomas and Bartholomew and to my said Brother in Law William Kimber to be equally divided between them Share and Share alike by my said Brother Nathaniel within one Month after my decease Item I give to Edmund Cox and Sarah Searon my Servant Five Guineas apiece to buy them Mourning

Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife Mary One Hundred pounds over and above the sum agreed by my Marriage Settlement to be paid to her at my death And I also give to my said Wife all my Plate my Watch Rings and Jewells and all my Household Goods and Implements of Household of what nature or

kind soever Item I give devise and bequeath All that my Freehold Messuage or Tenement wherein I now dwell on or near the Bridge in Newbury aforesaid with its appurtenances to the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Corporation of Newbury aforesaid for the time being to hold the same to the said Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses and their successors for ever after the decease

of my said Wife In Trust only for and towards the weekly maintenance of the Almes people belonging to or that shall or may

hereafter belong to the Almes Houses at a place in Newbury aforesaid called Merry Hill and near the pump there which are now under the care and direction of the said Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses and it is my Will that if any or either of my said Legatees shall happen to dye before his her or their Legacy or Legacys shall become payable to any or either of them respectively that then the Legacy or Legacys of him or them so dying shall go and be divided between the Survivors of them and the same family and blood Share and Share alike **And Further** it is my Will if my Stock and personall Estate should fall short by bad debts or otherwise of paying my Legacies hereby bequeathed that an abatement and Allowance shall be made by all my said Legatees out of their respective Legacy's in proportion to the Legacy's herby to them respectively bequeathed the Legacy given to my said Wife and the Almes people only excepted **Item** all the Rest and Residue of my Goods Chattells and Personall Estate whatsoever not herein before disposed of I give and bequeath unto my said loving Wife Mary whom I hereby make and Appoint full and sole Executrix of this my Will appointing also my said brother Nathaniel Lovelock and the said Thomas Elgar Trustees of this my Will desiring them to be aiding and assisting to my said Wife and to see this my Will effectually performed and I do hereby revoke all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made allowing this alone to be my last Will and Testament **In Witness** whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this thirteenth day of November in the fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second of Great Britain Anno Dni One Thousand seven Hundred and Thirty Ed Lovelock Signed Sealed published and declared by the said Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his sight and presence have subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto Rⁱ Cartwright Wm Saxon Jane Saxon